

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. 1:18-CR-02945-WJ

JANY LEVEILLE, et al.

Defendants.

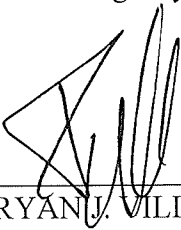
DECLARATION OF RYAN J. VILLA

RYAN J. VILLA, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to make this declaration.
2. I understand the statements I make in this declaration are under oath, subject to the penalty of perjury. I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.
3. I am a licensed attorney who is appointed via the Criminal Justice Act to represent Ms. Wahhaj. I employed Gary Ainsworth to conduct investigation on behalf of Subhanah Wahhaj.
4. On October 4, 2019, Mr. Ainsworth and I went to the Taos County Sheriff's Office to interview Sheriff Hogrefe.
5. After introducing ourselves and telling Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe that we represent one of the defendants in the Amalia "compound" case, Sheriff Hogrefe informed us that he would not speak to us nor would any of his staff.
6. He said it was federal case with federal charges and he had direct orders from "them" not to speak to us.
7. We left the office and returned to our vehicle.

8. While sitting in the vehicle, Sheriff Hogrefe approached the driver's side where Mr. Ainsworth was seated and provided Mr. Ainsworth with a business card and said if "they" gave him permission to speak to us, he would speak to us.

9. I interpreted "them" in paragraph 6 and "they" in paragraph 8 to mean either the U.S. Attorney's office or the FBI or other federal agency.



RYAN J. VILLA 1/03/2013
DATE